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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 854
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Reverend Jimmy Carroll Glass,
Pastor of Schoolfield United Methodist Church.

WHEREAS, one of the fundamental bases of the American culture and society is the profession of religious belief as manifested in the many and varied communities of faith in which our citizenry find spiritual sustenance and mutual support; and

WHEREAS, American clergymen were often in the forefront of developments in our common history as a people, providing leadership, counseling, and spiritual instruction in times of danger, crisis and grief as well as in times of joy and celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Jimmy Carroll Glass, Pastor of Schoolfield United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, is a man out of that very mold; for 21 years he has served faithfully and with distinction as a minister of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Glass was born July 16, 1950 and earned a degree from Lambuth College in Jackson; he later received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina; and

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Glass was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1988 and received a full conference connection soon thereafter; he served in pulpits throughout the Memphis Conference and Memphis-Asbury District, including at Aldersgate UMC in Jackson and Union Avenue UMC in Memphis immediately prior to coming to Schoolfield UMC; and

WHEREAS, Jim Glass's ministry has been marked by excellence and high energy in preaching and teaching and a remarkable ability to relate to people of all ages; his great passion is to promote outreach from church to community; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Glass is a strong leader who exercises his leadership abilities by enabling others and delegating responsibility, thus making each communicant feel that he or she is an integral part of that body of believers that constitutes the church; and

WHEREAS, throughout his ministry Jim Glass has enjoyed the love and support of his wife and partner, June, whom he married in 1971; and their daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda Brooke and Jim Foster, and Rachel and Michael John Robertson; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2000, Reverend Glass will assume new duties as Executive Director of St. Andrews Mission in McComb, Mississippi and as pastor of St. Andrews Mission Church; he and his family will be deeply missed by his many friends in the congregation of Schoolfield UMC and in the Memphis Community; and

WHEREAS, his unstinting and faithful service to his Creator and the work of the Church among the communicants at Schoolfield and the people of Memphis and Tennessee calls for our recognition and thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we join the congregation of the Schoolfield United Methodist Church in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to the Reverend Jimmy Carroll Glass for his years of dedicated and faithful ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish him and his wife every success in his new assignment and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.